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NEWS VEILED BY CENSORSHIP

All Information About Mexican Expeditionary Force Kept Secret

GENERAL FUNSTON IN CHARGE OF WIRES

Washington Gives Out Little News Except That American Note to Carranza Was Favorably Received—Lansing is on Vacation.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Official reports from the border today contain no word of important troop movements. Before he went to the cabinet meeting Secretary of War Baker said he had nothing to indicate when the expedition into Mexico would start. Chairman Stone of the senate foreign relations committee was told by President Wilson that conditions in Mexico appeared more favorable.

Acting Secretary of State Polk reported to President Wilson that word received at the state department from various sections of Mexico indicated that a favorable impression had been made by the note sent General Carranza yesterday together with the President's assurances that no armed intervention in Mexico was planned. Mr. Polk's report was optimistic and did not confirm reports that Carranza supporters resented the pursuit of Villa by American troops.

Secretary Lansing was on his way to Pinehurst, N. C., today for a week's vacation. Taking a vacation at this time was regarded here as indicative of how completely the state department regards the Mexican situation in the hands of the army and that the understanding with General Carranza is complete.

EL PASO, March 14.—Brigadier General John J. Pershing, commanding the American expeditionary force into Mexico, left here on a west bound train last night and since his departure military authorities have refused all information about him. Pershing's train was said to be going to Columbus, N. M., where today some 4,000 men of the first expeditionary force are in readiness for the dash after Villa.

SAN ANTONIO, March 14.—A rigid censorship was ordered today at Columbus, by Major General Funston. He instructed Brigadier General Pershing to take charge of the telegraphic service, watch all automobile routes and guard all telephone wires out of the town. This action was taken to prevent news of troop movements leaking out in press dispatches.

General Funston said newspaper reports from New Mexico had been revealing every movement of troops, the disposition of the forces and the amount of their equipment. "There was no use trying to conceal our plans here while there was a leak on the border," he explained. "We had to act."

It was indicated that if the censorship was evaded martial law might be the next step in controlling the news situation at Columbus.

REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS.

They Will Be Opened in a Chicago Hotel Next Sunday.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Republican national headquarters for 1916 will be opened at a downtown hotel here Sunday, it was announced today, and business will begin in preparation for the huge convention.

In Odd Fellows' Hall

Tuesday, March 14, 7.30 p. m.—Regular meeting of Dennis Rebekah lodge. After the meeting bids will be received on the furnishings in the Rebekah room.

Wednesday evening, March 15, at 8 o'clock—Military whist by Dennis Rebekah lodge. Tickets, 25c each. Refreshments. Members please bring tables by Tuesday night if possible.

Tuesday, March 14.—Friendship circle will meet in Odd Fellows' hall. Members only. Please bring thimbles, shears and needles as there is some needed work to be done. Covered dish luncheon will be served at 5.30. Bring lunch with you.

Brooks House Sanitary Barber Shop

5 EXPERT WORKMEN

The Prince of Bootblacks
Employed Here

J. H. ALLEN PROP.

EX-PRESIDENT TAFT BRANDEIS PROTESTANT

He and Other Former Heads of Bar Association Against Nominee to Supreme Court Bench.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Former President Taft and six other former presidents of the American Bar association today protested to the senate judiciary sub-committee against the confirmation of the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for the supreme court. The others were Simeon E. Baldwin, Francis Rawle, Joseph S. Choate, Elihu Root, Moorfield Storey, and Peter W. Meldrim.

The first six sent a letter stating that they "felt under the painful duty to say to you that in their opinion taking into view the reputation, character and professional career of Louis D. Brandeis, he is not a fit person to be a member of the supreme court of the United States."

JOHN M. GROUT DIES IN MEDFORD, MASS.

Native of West Brattleboro and Brother of Late Rev. Lewis Grout, Who Became Noted Missionary.

John M. Grout, 81, for many years a prominent business man of Boston until his retirement five years ago, died yesterday in home in Medford, Mass. Mr. Grout was born in West Brattleboro, a son of John Grout and moved to eastern Massachusetts as a young man. His wife, who survives, was Sarah Herrick, a daughter of Seth N. Herrick, for many years a selectman of Brattleboro. He leaves also one daughter, Miss Mary Grout, who was a visitor in Brattleboro last summer and who is now an invalid.

Mr. Grout, who was the last survivor of his father's family, was a brother of the late Rev. Lewis Grout of West Brattleboro, who became a noted missionary to the Zulus in Africa and was the author of text books in the Zulu language.

COMPANY E TEAM COMING.

Championship Contenders to Present Regular Lineup Here Tomorrow.

Manager John J. Clune of the Company E basketball team has received a letter from the manager of the Company E team of Bellows Falls, claiming of the basketball championship of the state, saying that he will present the regular team here tomorrow evening in the Armory.

The local team had a fast practice last evening and after the much improved showing they made Friday evening in the game against the Keene team many who saw them in that game believe they will be able to make the visitors look like anything but state champions.

Some of the oldtime basketballers in town have organized a corps of Royal Rooters and will be there in force tomorrow evening.

1,500 BRASSWORKERS STRIKE.

Men at Buffalo Make Demand for Eight-Hour Day.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 14.—Fifteen hundred men comprising the night shift of the Buffalo Copper and Brass Rolling mill struck last night. The day shift of 1,700 men worked until 6 o'clock, but it is said they urged the night shift to quit and did not report for work this morning.

The management of the mill said that a compromise on the wage question was reached last week and that the strike came as a surprise. The men, it is said, demand an increase in wages and an eight-hour day.

The strike is not connected with the strike and lockout of machinists involving about 7,500 men.

GREEKS AND FRENCH FIGHT.

German Report Says Trouble Occurred on Island of Mytilene.

BERLIN, March 14 (by wireless).—Reports have been received here from Athens of fighting on the Greek island of Mytilene between Greek and French soldiers. French reinforcements were brought up and imprisoned by the Greeks. The commander of the French forces, the report states, has prohibited further mingling of French with Greek soldiers. The Greek government is reported to have protested against the arrest of the soldiers.

PUSHING PREPARATIONS.

Congress Making Plans to Sidetrack All Other Business.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—In keeping with the President's desire to have all preparedness measures rushed through congress the house rules committee today appointed a sub-committee to confer with Speaker Clark on side-tracking all other business, after the passage of the free sugar repeal, in favor of the army bill.

AMENDS BY GERMANY.

In Case It Is Found That Silius Was Sunk by German Submarine.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Unofficial advices received here today indicate that Germany will make complete amends to the United States if it is found that a German submarine torpedoed the Norwegian bark Silius, from which seven Americans were rescued in Havre roads.

NACO FEARED MEXICAN RAID

Arizona Town Under Arms All Night as Result of Alarming Reports

EVERYTHING QUIET EARLY THIS MORNING

Authorities Informed That Mexicans Had Been Seen Carrying Arms to Point Where Cannons Were Found Hidden—Women and Children Moved

NACO, Ariz., March 14.—Naco was under arms during the night as the result of reports that a raid on the town was planned for the early morning hours. Women, children and valuables were hurried from the border by Americans. Early today all was quiet.

Following reports last night that Villa sympathizers at Cienega, Sonora, were threatening trouble the wires between that town and the border were cut. The authorities here were also informed that several pieces of artillery were discovered hidden in a house at Nogales, Sonora, and that Mexican soldiers had been seen carrying what appeared to be ammunition to the place.

ATTRACTIVE DISPLAY OF SPECIMEN STAMPS

Large and Valuable Collection Owned by Maj. F. W. Childs on Display at Vaughan & Burnett's.

Vaughan & Burnett have on exhibition in the window of their jewelry store a large and valuable collection of specimen stamps, most of which are the property of Maj. F. W. Childs, former postmaster of Brattleboro. The collection shows a reprint of a postmark stamp ever issued, a private stamp issued by Postmaster Palmer of Brattleboro in 1846, and specimen stamps of every issue by the government since 1847, when the government began to make stamps. Some of the specimens are on cardboard. These are always struck off by the government from the first dies of a new issue and sent in this way to foreign governments as a matter of courtesy. The exhibit includes special stamps of the Columbian exposition and other special issues at different times to commemorate anniversaries. The stamps make an attractive display.

DRINK AGE LIMIT STICKS.

Bill at Albany to Raise Age to 21 Years Fails.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 14.—The Talmage bill intended to raise from 18 to 21 years the age of persons to whom liquor may be sold legally failed of passage in the assembly last night. The vote on the measure was: Yes, 71; No, 68.

Seventy-six votes are required for passage.

The Allen bill intended to prevent sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and other officers from being interested in the manufacture and sale of liquor was passed without opposition.

MANITOBA ADOPTS PROHIBITION

Bars, Liquor Stores and Clubs to Go Out of Business May 31.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 14.—By a vote slightly more than two to one voters of the province of Manitoba yesterday approved the provincial temperance act which closes all bars, wholesale liquor houses and licensed clubs in the province after May 31, next.

CARRANZA IS SATISFIED.

Government Agents Report That He is Pleased with American Note.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—State department agents along the border reported today that General Carranza had received the American government's note accepting his proposal for a reciprocal agreement for the pursuit of outlaws and was favorably impressed with it.

TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING.

Austria Presents This Country With Evidence in Case of Two Ships.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Austria has presented to the United States reports of two instances in which it is charged Austrian merchant ships were torpedoed without warning by allied submarines, presumably British.

THE WEATHER.

Cloudy Tonight With Snow Probably for Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The weather forecast: Generally cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Probably local snows. Colder tonight. Moderate winds, mostly northeast.

TODAY'S WAR SUMMARY

Activities on Verdun front continue to be chiefly those of the artillery arm, which still is being vigorously employed. No infantry attack by the Germans has developed west of the Meuse, where there have been signs that a renewal of the drive was in prospect. The German effort indeed seems to have again shifted in its most intensive form to the other bank of the stream, where a reconnaissance in force in the Haudremont woods west of Douaumont is reported by Paris to have been checked by the French curtain of fire.

To the southeast of Douaumont in the region of Vaux, the violent German bombardment continues, while further south on the line in the Woivre region both German and French guns are busy pounding opposing positions.

There is increasing friction between Greece and the entente powers, according to advices from German sources.

HINSDALE HOLDS TOWN MEETING

Selectmen Re-elected—Numerous Appropriations Made—Will Use State Money on Brattleboro Road.

(Special to The Reformer.)
HINSDALE, N. H., March 14.

The annual town meeting was held today, opening at 9 o'clock and closing at 12.30. There was a good attendance and although there were several contests it was not necessary to cast a second ballot for any of the officers. The old board of selectmen was re-elected and the full list of officers follows: Selectmen, W. E. Fay first, W. N. Pike second, N. O. Maynard third; treas., C. E. Keyon; auditor, H. W. Taylor; road agent, W. H. Barrett; chief of fire department, F. A. Buckley. The selection of a tax collector, and all minor offices, was left in the hands of the selectmen. An appropriation of \$6,000 was made for ordinary town charges, \$500 for the support of poor, \$500 for the fire department, \$1,500 for lighting streets, \$800 regular appropriation plus \$500 for repairs and alterations for the library, making a total of \$1,550 for library, \$2,300 to go toward state highway in order to get state aid, \$1,000 for state aid maintenance, \$100 for the annual inventory of the town, \$100 for Memorial day purposes, \$400 for building a cement bridge on the Chesterfield road, \$850 for the so-called Plain road beginning at the south end of the strip put in last year, \$500 for the purchase of new equipment, etc., for the fire department.

A matter of new business for the meeting this year was to elect a board of trustees for holding and disbursing trust funds of the town as provided by the session laws of 1913. These trustees were chosen: C. E. Keyon, one year; W. L. Todd, two years; C. D. Fay, three years. It is necessary for the board to furnish bonds, and this was placed at \$1,200, the town to pay the cost of the bonds.

The highway appropriation to go toward state aid will be used on the road between this town and Brattleboro. The state road between the two towns will be completed this year and if more money is needed than has been appropriated the funds will be borrowed.

At 1 o'clock the polls were reopened for four hours of balloting on the presidential candidates under the Australian system.

RED CROSS SUPPLIES BURNED AT HALIFAX

Woman in Charge May Have Lost Life—Loss Estimated at \$200,000—Cause Unknown.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 14.—A large quantity of Red Cross supplies was burned in a fire which destroyed a pier of the steamship terminal here today. Mrs. John Casey, in charge of the supplies, was in the building when the fire started, was missing later and it was feared she lost her life. Besides the freight shed the pier contained the United States immigration offices. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. The cause of the fire is not known.

MAYOR HANSON BEATEN.

Maine Man Who Toured Vermont Defeated at Home.

BELFAST, Me., March 14.—Edgar F. Hanson, nine times mayor of this city, who achieved notoriety and earned the title of the "Belfast Foghorn" while campaigning for the local option cause in Vermont this spring, was the victim of a Cæsarian operation yesterday at the hands of Rev. William Shaw of Montpelier, Vt., who "carried the war into Africa" and assisted in defeating the Democratic warhorse for the mayoralty by 94 votes.

Mr. Hanson carried two of the five wards in the city and in commenting on the Capital City Savings bank and a lawyer in this city for more than 50 years, died at his home here this morning.

THOMAS J. DEAVITT DEAD.

Bank President and Veteran Montpelier Lawyer Expired Today.

(Special to The Reformer.)

MONTPELIER, March 14.—Thomas J. Deavitt, 70, president of the Capital City Savings bank and a lawyer in this city for more than 50 years, died at his home here this morning.

FINDINGS IN WREN REWARD

Reasons Why Brattleboro Men Were Excluded from Getting Share

KIRKWOOD ASKED TO BE COUNTED OUT

Information Furnished by D. S. Carey and Chief Wilson Was Before Reward Was Offered—Snowden and Hanrahan Worked on Own Initiative.

Judge Robert N. Chamberlin's findings relative to the claimants for the \$1,000 reward in the John Wren murder case and the manner in which he disposes of all but two of the claimants contain some interesting facts and deductions. As stated last week Judge Chamberlin of Berlin, N. H., divided the reward, offered by the Holbrook, Cabot & Rollins corporation "for the apprehension and delivery to the New Hampshire officers of the person or persons who committed the murder of J. Stewart Hamilton at Hinsdale, New Hampshire, on Feb. 5, 1913," between Milton Snowden of Everett, Mass., a porter in the North station in Boston, \$400, and Francis Hanrahan, a police detective in Halifax, Nova Scotia, \$600.

Originally there were eight claimants, the two above mentioned, Joseph E. Burns, a Boston detective who afterwards disclaimed any interest in the suit, Frank O'Brien, a Boston policeman, Luigi Braidio, an employee of the Holbrook corporation, and David S. Carey, Ralph Kirkwood and Police Chief George Wilson of Brattleboro. Judge Chamberlin takes up the case of each claimant, and with the exception of Snowden and Hanrahan all the claimants take exceptions to the rulings.

In the cases of Chief Wilson and Mr. Carey the court makes the following general findings: "Acting upon this information (Braidio's story to the sheriff after Hamilton's body was found, to the effect that on the day of the murder Wren several times inquired of Braidio where Hamilton was) the sheriff immediately communicated with the county solicitor at Keene and with the chief of police at Brattleboro, Vt. The solicitor also conferred with Wilson. Both requested Mr. Wilson to investigate and find out where Wren was."

"About 2.45 p. m. the claimant, George Wilson, acting upon these requests made by the sheriff and county solicitor, went to the railroad station of the Boston & Maine and interviewed David S. Carey, ticket agent and a claimant for the reward in this proceeding, and learned from Mr. Carey that Jack Wren that morning purchased two tickets for himself and wife for Boston and returned to Brattleboro on the 10.15 train. Mr. Carey also told Mr. Wilson that the man had previously inquired of him for routes to Chester, N. S. Mr. Carey went to the baggage department in the station at Brattleboro and obtained from Mr. Wilson the numbers of the checks of Wren's baggage. After receiving this information Mr. Wilson went to the telephone booth and telephoned."

"Both Carey and Wilson testified that they knew of a reward being offered before their conversation with each other. I find that both were mistaken; neither knew of a reward being offered at this time for it had not been offered. The reward was not offered until after 6 o'clock Feb. 6, 1913."

In a special finding as to Mr. Carey the court says: "Mr. Carey gave valuable information to Mr. Wilson, chief of police, Brattleboro, but it was given before the reward was offered and without relying upon the reward."

In a special finding as to Chief Wilson the court says: "All the material acts done by Mr. Wilson were detailed in the above general findings. He rendered valuable service to the officers and received the ordinary compensation allowed a witness or a sheriff or a policeman for such services as he rendered—at least, after the first day; but the information which enabled the officers to trace Mr. Wren, as found in the general findings, was given to the New Hampshire authorities before the reward was offered."

The court makes a special finding with reference to Ralph Kirkwood, who found in the chimney of his father's house in Brattleboro, where Wren lived, a registered letter receipt issued to Hamilton. He incorporates in the findings a letter signed by Ralph W. Kirkwood and dated in Wilmington, Vt., Feb. 6, 1916. Kirkwood had testified at a hearing on the claim in Keene Feb. 3. The letter, furnished by former County Solicitor Cain, reads as follows: "I want this to be read in court as evidence about the case of Jack Wren. I do not think that Jack Wren did that murder. I think Jesus has put it into my mind to say this. I will not push my claim any further whether he did the murder or not. I want and have no part in fighting for the reward. Drop my claim altogether, please, also let Mr. Joseph Madden hear this. I haven't got any knowledge of who did the murder and I want nothing to do with the case. I don't think I can improve on the will of God. I know that He will tend to it very well without my help and as far as I am concerned."

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CARPENTER CASE TO BE HEARD FIRST

Judge Fish Decides in Favor of Plaintiff in Accident Case—Hearing on Question of Damages.

The case of Lisle M. Carpenter against the Central Vermont railroad will be the first case to be heard at the April term of the Windham county court, having been set by Judge Frank L. Fish for a hearing then on the question of damages only.

In January, 1909, Mr. Carpenter, while employed as a brakeman on the Central Vermont railroad, was run over in the yard at South Londonderry and one leg was crushed so that it was necessary to amputate it. In February, 1910, he brought suit against the company for \$15,000 and in July of that year won a verdict with damages determined by the jury at \$9,250.

This original suit was brought under the common law right of action. The defendant company claimed that the suit should have been brought under the federal employers' liability act, which applied to all employees of common carriers engaged in interstate commerce.

The case was sent back from the supreme court with the decision reversed on the question of the admissibility and exclusion of evidence. The attorneys for the plaintiff promptly moved to amend the original bill. The railroad sought to prevent this on the ground that more than two years had elapsed since the original action and the statute of limitations made such action illegal. Judge Fish allowed the amendment on two counts, one of which brought the case under the federal statute.

He has now given judgment for the plaintiff and assigned the case first on the calendar on the question of damages only.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR INSPECTION FRIDAY

R. E. Sir George F. Root and Other Grand Officers Will Be Present—Course Dinner at 6.15.

The annual inspection of Beauséjour, N. T., will be held Friday evening in the Masonic temple. Grand Inspector R. E. Sir George F. Root of New York will be the inspecting officer. He will be accompanied by Right Eminent Sir Edward L. Bates, grand commander, of Bennington, and his staff. Visitors will be present from Bellows Falls, Greenfield, Rutland and Newport. The Order of the Temple will be conferred. A course dinner will be served in the banquet hall by Bingham chapter, O. E. S., at 6.15 o'clock.

On Wednesday evening the commandery will confer the Order of the Red Cross and Thursday evening the Order of the Temple, which will be conferred again the following evening in connection with the inspection.

DISPOSITION OF WAR FLEET.

Plans Already Made for Use of Warships at San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 14.—Tentative plans for the disposition of the vessels of the Pacific fleet in San Diego harbor in event of trouble on the west coast of Mexico have been outlined by Admiral Cameron McRae Winslow.

According to his plans, the transport Buffalo and the armored cruiser Maryland would be employed in transporting the Fourth regiment of marines, now at the exposition here, and the fleet command. The protected cruiser Milwaukee would dispatch the supply ship Iris and convey the destroyers Whipple, Perry, Stewart and Paul Jones south.

The flagship San Diego, acting independently of the fleet, will steam south at the first sign of trouble.

Vessels of the Pacific fleet now engaged in patrol duty on the West coast of Mexico and Central America are the cruisers Chattanooga, Cleveland and Denver. The Chattanooga is at Guaymas, the Cleveland at Acapulco and the Denver at Corinto, Nicaragua.

JOHN L. TUTTLE DEAD.

Ex-High Sheriff of Washington County, Deputy 40 Years.

MONTPELIER, March 14.—A telegram received this morning announced the death there yesterday morning of John L. Tuttle, sheriff of Washington county from 1876 to 1882, a deputy sheriff for 40 years, chief of police of Montpelier for 10 years and a court officer in the county and supreme court up to three years ago, when he was taken sick.

Mr. Tuttle was born in Lowell, Mass., 80 years ago. He held a deputy sheriff's commission at the time of his death and was believed to be the oldest officer in Vermont.

FIRE IN WOODSVILLE, N. H.

Three Story Block Burned Today with Loss of \$40,000.

WOODSVILLE, N. H., March 14.—A three-story brick block owned by Earl F. Mulliken and occupied by Mr. Minniken, a hardware dealer, and other business tenants, was destroyed by fire today. The loss was estimated at \$40,000.

VILLA USED DUMDUMS.

U. S. Infantrymen Say Bandit Had American Made Bullets.

CHICAGO, March 14.—American made dumdum bullets were used by Villa forces in their raid on Columbus, N. M., according to privates of the 7th United States infantry who took part in the pursuit across the border.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Important Project Launched at Annual Meeting of Civic League

COMMITTEES NAMED TO INVESTIGATE

Rev. D. E. Trout Again President—Organization of About 150—Appropriation of \$75 for Free Kindergarten—List of Officers.

An unusually important project was started last evening, when the Brattleboro Civic league voted to erect a community house if sufficient funds could be secured, and appointed a committee to see what could be done. There was full and free discussion of the proposition, and the need of such a building in town was recognized by everybody.

It is desired to erect a building on a centrally located site and to have it suitable for the use of various organizations in town which need a meeting place large enough to accommodate not only their own membership but guests and visitors, also a place where boys and girls can have a place for gymnastic exercises, etc.

The committee chosen consists of Lyman E. Holden, Rev. D. E. Trout, George L. Dunham, Mrs. C. S. Pratt and Mrs. J. Gray Ester. They will make investigations relative to funds and a site.

The meeting was held in the home of Dr. Henry D. Holton and was the annual meeting for the election of officers. There was a large attendance. The reports of officers were accepted. The league has a membership of about 150. Anyone is eligible to membership, the yearly dues being 50 cents.

These officers were elected: President, Rev. D. E. Trout; vice president, George L. Dunham; directors, Miss Jessie L. Gregg, Mrs. C. S. Pratt, Mrs. J. Gray Ester, Mrs. Helen E. Adams; secretary, Mrs. Fremont; treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Fitts. Committees were elected, with the following chairmen: Window gardens, C. S. Hopkins; forestry, George Bishop; playground, A. E. Merrill; north section, Mrs. G. S. Dowley; south section, W. J. Pentland, Jr.; estate, Mrs. F. W. Pier; Prospect hill, Miss Emma Lundberg; West Brattleboro, D. T. Perry.

The league gave \$75 toward the new piano for the free kindergarten, the balance to be taken care of by the woman's club.

PREPARING TO BLAST ON VERNON STREET

Corner of Ledge Opposite New Railroad Station Shuts Off View—Will Be Blown Six Feet.

Employees of the Central Vermont railroad began this morning preparations to round off the end of the ledge at the corner of Main and Vernon streets, opposite the new railroad station. When the blasting and grading of Vernon street were completed according to contract by the Holbrook, Cabot & Rollins corporation, it was realized that not enough of the ledge had been taken off at the corner of Vernon street and the site of the old Brattleboro House. As the ledge juts out now it completely hides a view of Vernon street from Main and Bridge streets. With the union station soon to be opened there will be much more traffic at that point and it has been deemed best to remove some of the corner of the ledge. About six feet is to be taken off.

TO SUPPORT BASEBALL.

Greenfield Athletic Association Votes to Take Over Organization.

GREENFIELD, March 14.—The first annual meeting of the Greenfield Athletic association was held Sunday evening at the Hotel Devens. These directors were elected: Charles Coates, Dr. D. J. McConnell, George F. Merrill, Jos. Herman, George Rafferty, John D. Kieley, William A. Davenport, Timothy M. Hayes, Thomas Lawlor, Dr. George Rist.

These directors will elect officers of the association. The association also voted in favor of supporting baseball during the coming season and of taking over the baseball association which has conducted teams in Greenfield in previous seasons.

FORM SQUAD OF AVIATORS.

Trained Flyers Ready to Aid U. S. Troops in Mexico.

NEW YORK, March 14.—A squad of trained aviators will be concentrated immediately for possible service with the United States troops in Mexico, according to an announcement by the Aero Club of America. While these aviators are being prepared a second squad of 20 flyers will be held in readiness. W. Leonard Bonney, formerly in command of Gen. Carranza's aviation force will have charge.

The Aero club has offered its aid to the government in providing machines and aviators and Secretary of War Baker has informed the club that its offer will be accepted if occasion arises.